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Boil water advisory in effect for Pasadena Park customers in Spokane Valley

OLYMPIA — The state Department of Health urges Pasadena Park Water District 17 customers to boil their tap water because potentially harmful *E. coli* bacteria were detected in the water.

The advisory affects more than 2,300 homes and businesses in an area just outside Spokane Valley. The district generally extends about two miles east and west of Argonne Road, and from the north bank of the Spokane River to about one mile south of Stoneman Road.

E. coli can cause gastrointestinal illness. Customers should boil tap water they use for drinking, brushing teeth, preparing food, making ice, and washing dishes to kill the bacteria. State health recommends heating water to a brisk boil for one minute and allowing it to cool before use.

The Spokane Regional Health District is contacting local schools with emergency operating procedures.

A number of water systems serve the Spokane Valley. This advisory affects *only* Pasadena Park Irrigation District 17 customers. Those who are unsure of who supplies their water should check their monthly water bill.

The water district and the Department of Health will investigate to try to find the source of contamination and make any repairs necessary.

“The health and safety of our customers is our first priority,” said Bruce Davidson, manager of the water district. “We are doing all we can to find out what happened and take action as needed. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our customers as we work through this.”

To disinfect the water, the water district staff has significantly increased chlorine in the system. Residents may notice a strong chlorine smell. Davidson asks that residents run their taps for 15 minutes to help the chlorine travel through the district's distribution system.

The district also recommends that residents wash only white clothing while chlorine levels are high to prevent color fading.

Once the system is disinfected, the water district will flush excess chlorine out of the system to bring chlorine levels back to normal. After given the all-clear that the water is safe to use, customers should again run the water through their taps.

The boil-water advisory will remain in place until the Pasadena Park Irrigation District 17 staff and the Department of Health are satisfied that the water is safe to drink.

Customers who have questions about their water quality can call 509-926-5535.

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